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A. Soviet Activities:

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1. General:

Intensive training activity continued during the first half of February. The mechanized armies received more new-type tanks between 6 and 10 February.

2. First Guards Mechanized Army:

a. Rail shipments in the Koenigsbrueck-Zeithain area:

Date:	From:	To:
17 and 18 January	Schwepnitz	Wurzen
23 January	Schwepnitz	Grimma
24 January	Leisnig	Schwepnitz
26 January	Ortrand	Altenburg (Altengrabow ?)
26 January	Leipzig	Ortrand
26 January	Schwepnitz	Grimma
30 January	Schwepnitz	Wurzen
31 January	Koenigsbrueck	Leipzig
31 January	Leisnig	Koenigsbrueck

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1 February	Wurzen	Schwepnitz
1 February	Koenigsbrueck	Roederau
5 February	Meissen	Wusteritz
6 February	Meissen	Wusteritz ¹

b. Road convoy:

On 29 January, about forty tanks and armored personnel carriers, including KVP vehicles, were driven from Folbern east of Grossenhain toward Koenigsbrueck.²

3. Second Guards Mechanized Army:

On 1 and 2 February and on 6 and 7 February, the bulk of the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade arrived at Altengrabow in five shipments. From 27 to 30 January, major elements of the 1st Mechanized Division, reinforced by units of the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade, conducted night firing and other exercises in winter bivouac at the Doeberitz training grounds. On 7 February, artillery units of the 1st Mechanized Division were carried by five trains, [redacted] from 25X1 Doeberitz to Forst Zinna, and by train [redacted] from Neustrelitz to Forst 25X1 Zinna. On 9 February, a mixed artillery unit of the 9th Guards Tank Division left Neustrelitz, presumably for Forst Zinna; the shipment consisted of two trains loaded with 23 field howitzers, six anti-tank guns and about nine rocket launchers.

4. Third Guards Mechanized Army:

From 21 to 24 January, units of the 7th Guards Tank Division held an exercise in the area north of Rosslau. On 27 and 28 January, tank details of the 9th Mechanized Division returned in two shipments from the Lieberose training grounds to Cottbus. On 6 February, train [redacted] presumably carrying 25X1 units of the 14th Guards Mechanized Division, was dispatched from Jueterbog to Baruth.

5. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army:

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From 25 to 31 January, units of the 6th Guards Mechanized Division conducted exercises, including bivouac, in the area west and south of Bad Freienwalde. From 1 to 5 February, troops stationed in Eberswalde held exercises west and south of the city. On 28 January, a tank detail of the 82nd Guards Heavy Tank and SP Regiment entrained at Eberswalde for Templin. On 8 February, the new Briesen-Jacobsdorf training area south of the Frankfurt/Oder-Fuerstenwalde railroad line was the scene of artillery night firing, probably conducted by units of the 7th Guards Mechanized Division. On the same day, the quarters of the 468th Guards Mortar Regiment at Beeskow were found only lightly occupied. From 18 to 22 January, elements of the 10th Guards Tank Division held exercises, including bivouacs, in the south-west section of the Doeberitz training grounds.³ On 31 January, artillery units of the same division, which had arrived at Templin on 22 January, returned to Satzkorn on trains [redacted]. On 20 January, units of the 25th Tank Division from Prenzlau held battalion-level exercises with tank support south of their post. From 31 January to 4 February, the 25th Tank Division conducted an all-weapon exercise, apparently with KVP and Soviet Air Force participation, in the area around Zehdenick, Gross Schoenebeck, Gross Doelln and Hammelspring.

6. Third Shock Army:

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On 3 February, elements of the 105th Signal Regiment were transported on train [redacted] probably from Magdeburg to Ludwigslust. On 29 January, one shipment went from Guestrow to RBD Magdeburg, possibly to Letzling Heath, and another shipment from Guestrow to Dranse. The last shipment is believed to have carried

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training grounds were vacant up to 21 January. Major exercises for all elements of the Corps North were held from 24 to 28 January and from 31 January to 4 February, apparently together with Soviet units, in the area around Zehdenick, Gross Schoenebeck, and Gross Doelln.

4. Miscellaneous:

The Pionier Kaserne in Berlin-Karlshorst will apparently be utilized by the Ministry of Heavy Industry and not by the KVP.

1. Comment: The last two shipments were presumably headed for Altengrabow. 25X1

2. Comment: The Koenigsbrueck-Zeithain area was the scene of winter exercises held by the 8th Guards Mechanized Division and the 11th Guards Tank Division, while anti-aircraft artillery units practiced firing at Altengrabow. 25X1

4. Comment: The arrival at Satzkorn of new-type tanks, probably T-54's, has been confirmed, with each train carrying ten to fifteen such tanks. The probable T-54's have been received by the 7th Guards, the 10th Guards, the 9th and the 6th Guards Tank Divisions. 25X1

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